

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Forests -Forest Officers-Vesting with powers of Police to deal with forest offences by using fire arms for self-protection and forest property - Issue of certain amendments -Orders-Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 31

Dated: 02.05.2013

Read the followings:-

1. G.O. Ms No:182, EFS&T (For.III) Department dt 24.07.1991.
2. From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, AP,Hyderabad, Letter Rc.No:39918/2011/X3., Dt.25.10.11 & 03.07.2012.
3. Govt. Memo.No.8107/For.III/A1/2012, Dt.17.11.2012.
4. From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, AP, Hyderabad, Letter Rc.No:39918/2011/X3., Dt.18.12.2012.

ORDER:-

In the references 2nd & 4th read above, while stating the reasons, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad has requested the Government to issue amendments to para 2 (i) and item (I) of Annexure, mentioned at Para (3) of the G.O 1st read above.

2. Government, after careful examination of the proposal of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad hereby issue the following amendments to G.O.Ms No:182, EFS&T (For.III) Department dt 24.7.1991:-

Amendments

1. The following shall be substituted in place of para 2 (i) :-

"the Fire arms may be used by the Forest Officers **of the rank of Forest Beat Officer and above** to protect forest property as well as their lives from the forest offenders. They should use minimum possible force in due discharge of their duties, exercisable, being the right of private defence as conferred under the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (Central Act No.45 of 1860)."

2. The following shall be substituted in place of item I of the Annexure mentioned at para (3):-

"I. Type of Fire Arms:

The following categories of weapons may be used by the officers noted against each of them:

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| i) Range Officers and above | Revolvers / Pistols |
| ii) Dy. Range Officers /
Forester Section Officers
/ Forest Beat Officers" | a) SBBL / DBBL Guns, in general
b) Rifles in vulnerable areas |

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3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad is requested to take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
Hyderabad.
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SECTION OFFICER